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WELCOME HOMES ON THE VIRGINIA BEACH TOUR, VISIT A PREMIER COLONIAL REVIVAL-STYLE HOME, PAINSTAKINGLY BUILT AND RESTORED

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Although a mere 56 years old, a youngster in terms of Virginia history, the Roberts' house is an example of the rediscovery of American Colonial design that occurred between 1920 and 1945. And because the house has only had three owners in its half century, alterations have been minimal except for the updating of the kitchen and baths over the years.

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"Colonial Revival was a very romantic and nostalgic style that looked back to the beginnings of our nation," says Kathryn Arnold, interior designer at the Craft House in Williamsburg. "It had the look of the Colonial period but with modern amenities. Magazines of the 1930s really promoted it."

By the middle of that decade, the Capitol and the Governor's Palace had been reconstructed from their original foundations and the brand new Williamsburg Inn was operating as a swank hostelry.

Among the architecture buffs paying frequent visits to see history reconstructed were James and Margot Devereaux from Norfolk. When the couple purchased a point of land on Linkhorn Bay, in what was then Princess Anne County, they wanted a Colonial Revival home to go on it. Their first choice for an architect was William Gates Perry of Perry, Shaw, and Hepburn. It was 1939 before Gates was available to start on their plans. Construction began in 1940 and was completed in 1942.

Perry's design for the Devereaux home was not a copy of any particular historic home, but a plan for the times conceived in the language of 18th-century Georgian architecture.

The brickwork is English bond from the ground to the water table and Flemish bond from the water table to the roof. The brick, which was made in Glasgow, Virginia, features glazed headers in a shotgun pattern. Over the central block of the house, the slate roof rises to a balustraded widow's walk that surrounds the massive twin chimneys.

The architectural renderings were extremely detailed, down to the copyrighted designs for the lighting fixtures. The mother lode of knowledge gathered for the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg informed the architect's decisions on such details as the moldings, paneling, and even the hardware for the doors and windows.

The wide central hallway boasts a staircase salvaged from an 1826 Princess Anne County home. The dramatic open stairwell rises to the third floor. The floors throughout the main part of the house are cypress, recovered from an 1840 Louisiana plantation home. Fireplace mantels came from New England. Part of the genius of Perry's plan was the way he seamlessly incorporated these architectural elements, found by Margot Devereaux, into a coherent whole.

Interior designer David Webber, former owner of York House in Norfolk and now retired, knows the house very well. He has worked with Margot Devereaux and the Roberts to design window treatments for the house.

"Without a doubt, it's the finest home in the area. I don't think there's anything that compares to it when you take into account the site, the design, the details, the workmanship; in short, the great artistry in the house. Nothing was spared in its construction and Mrs. Devereaux was very proud of it," says Webber.

The high quality of the construction is apparent to even a casual visitor. "Probably the most extraordinary thing about the house is the craftsmanship," says Hanbury. "I was amazed that we were able to find craftsmen here every bit as good as those the Devereauxs used. Willard 'Butch' Fox, a supervisor with C & M Builders in Virginia Beach, could do anything."

Experts at Colonial Williamsburg provided valuable guidance in the restoration.

"We used **custom colors** from formulas no longer on our **paint charts**. The colors from the Colonial Revival period are softer than those we offer today," says Arnold of the Craft House.

Scientific analyses of the 18th-century paint samples have shown that the original hues were actually brighter than the faded colors uncovered by the first researchers. A major color is the rich taupe used on the paneled

dadoes in the entry hall and on the trimwork in the drawing room.

The custom wall-covering in the dining room was inspired by the Chinese wallpaper in the Lightfoot House in Colonial Williamsburg. The 24 hand-painted silk panels feature a Chinese landscape with no repeat. The CW design staff dressed the dining room windows with swags and jabots. "The bay windows were a challenge because they are curved," Arnold says.

"Our design department had never had the opportunity to work on a Perry, Shaw, Hepburn house before, and we were thrilled at the opportunity," says Arnold. "I was touched at the careful way the house was restored to its 1940-look. John Paul had a very sensitive approach to the restoration, and Dick and Shirley didn't impose any of today's styles in the redecorating."

"They have almost a reverence for the architectural heritage in this house. In restoring it, they've made a tremendous contribution to architectural preservation," Hanbury says of the Roberts.

Dick Roberts appears embarrassed by the praise. "We've been collecting for 40 years, and we finally found a place in which to put our pieces," he says.

[Illustration]

STEVE EARLEY color photos/The Virginian-Pilot VIRGINIA BEACH Dick and Shirley Roberts' renovated house on South Bayshore... Photos STEVE EARLEY/The Virginian-Pilot The stairway to the second floor of the Roberts' home came from an 1826 Princess Anne County house. Stairways above were built to match. The stairway to the second floor of the Roberts' home came from an 1826 Princess Anne County house. Stairways above were built to match. A carved living room mantle came from a period New England home. Graphics WANT TO GO? {For complete graphic, please see microfilm} WANT TO GO? What: The home of Shirley and Dick Roberts, one of five private homes and a garden included on the "On the Water's Edge" tour sponsored by The Princess Anne Garden Club and The Virginia Beach Garden Club. Where: 1109 South Bay Shore Drive, Virginia Beach When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday How much: Block ticket, \$15; per house, \$5. Tickets available at homes on tour. Advance tickets at Flowers-Wayne Jones, 329 Laskin Road, and Willis Wayside, Virginia Beach Boulevard. Call: 425-7523 or 428-3402

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Lowe's Launches New Superstore In N.E. Dallas, TX

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N.C., Feb. 10 /PRNewswire/ -- [Lowe's Companies, Inc.](#) (NYSE: LOW) announced that a new superstore will be built to serve Metroplex residents. The new superstore will be built on over 13/ acres located at the intersection of Highway 190 and Preston Road. Currently, Lowe's operates nine Metroplex superstores, with three additional stores under construction with mid-1998 scheduled openings (S. Fort Worth, Garland, and Rockwall). All told, Lowe's investment in the Metroplex area totals over \$225 million and will create over 2400 new jobs, including a regional distribution center in Mount Vernon.

The new [Lowe's](#) in N.E. Dallas will be a 150,000+ square foot retail facility, including a 115,000+ square foot sales floor and a large lawn and garden center measuring over 30,000 square feet complete with a Florida Room to house seasonal items. The [Lowe's superstore](#) will offer an enormous assortment of home improvement products: more than 40,000 different items.

[Lowe's](#) was recently ranked in FORTUNE magazine's inaugural list of "The 100 Best Companies to Work For in America," the only company in the home improvement industry to be so distinguished. The magazine also ranked Lowe's #1 in new job creation. [Lowe's](#) current and former employees own approximately 20% of the company's stock originating from their participation in [Lowe's](#) ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). The 51-year old retailer employs more than 60,000 people and has approximately 174 million outstanding shares of common stock listed on the New York, Pacific, and London Stock Exchanges under the ticker symbol LOW.

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The company's Regional Vice President Don Stallings commented: "We're continuing our expansion in Texas--this store will be our thirteenth Lowe's in the Metroplex. With the vibrant growth we see in and around Dallas, and the dominant assortment of home improvement items Lowe's offers, this will undoubtedly be a win-win situation!"

Here are a few facts about Lowe's:

©Lowe's Companies, Inc. just celebrated its 51st Anniversary and is one of America's foremost home center retailers. The company operate over 445 stores in 25 states and are located primarily in Eastern United States. Lowe's provides products to help customers build, improve, beautify, and enjoy their homes. We are a Fortune 200 company and one of the nation's top 25 retailers. Lowe's began operations in 1946 and has been a publicly held company since 1961.

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Lowe's is currently in the midst of the broadest expansion plan in its corporate history, opening on average more than one new superstore per week. Management has announced that aggressive expansion will continue; the company's goal is to have 600 stores in the year 2000.

Most Commonly Asked Questions & Answers Follow

Q. First, what exactly is a Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse?

Our superstores are retail operations in a warehouse-size design. We offer huge assortments of home improvement products at low everyday competitive prices. We have comprehensive services both for the do-it- yourselfer and the professional repair/remodel customer.

Lowe's many departments could be called stores-within-a-store. We have a full lawn and garden/nursery department, a building materials and lumber department, as well as completely stocked departments in electrical, plumbing, hardware, tools, and paint. We also have a large home decor/home fashion department featuring appliances, carpeting, rugs and flooring; and a full kitchen design department with kitchens on display and several styles of cabinets in stock. Customers will also find a nice selection of

ready-to- assemble furniture including casual dining sets.

Q. How will Lowe's customers shop your store?

Our store design allows us to provide our customers with the precise level of service they desire. Some customers know exactly what items they wish to purchase. They will be able to shop Lowe's wide, well-stocked aisles for those products, place them in a shopping cart or on a flatbed lumber cart, and then wheel them out the front door after passing through a quick checkout. Other customers who might wish advice or assistance on their projects will find Lowe's knowledgeable sales staff in the aisles and ready to help.

This store design offers our customers fast, convenient product selection while continuing the Lowe's tradition of Legendary Customer Service. Special services such as custom glass, wire, screen, rope, key, and board cutting, as well as computerized custom kitchen design, and computerized color matching in paint, will also be available at the new Lowe's superstores.

Q. What types of employment opportunities will be available for local residents?

Lowe's is proud to be recognized as one of the 100 Best, the only retail representative of our industry to be so noted. Most of the stores' employees will be local residents, including many of the stores' management personnel. Lowe's has a strong corporate policy of hiring from within; but our rapid expansion program has created opportunities for qualified individuals to join Lowe's as part of the management team. Goal-oriented, "hands on" people in the area with experience in retail/home center management are encouraged to apply.

Lowe's needs sales employees with retail experience for each of its many departments. People seeking a challenging and rewarding career opportunity will find Lowe's an exciting place to work. Full-time and part-time positions will be available for customer-oriented tradespeople (carpenters, electricians, painters, and plumbers) who wish to share their expertise with customers. Lowe's will also need cashiers and customer sales employees, as well as employees in delivery and receiving.

Lowe's is an equal opportunity employer, and looks forward to meeting interested applicants in the future when hiring procedures get underway locally. A Lowe's store of this size typically offers 175 to 200 employment opportunities per store.

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